

MINUTES OF THE
TULARE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSIONERS MEETING
August 24, 2012

Commissioners present: Dan Vink, Chairman; Dale West, Vice-Chairman; Walter Bricker; Dale Brogan; Mark Larsen; and Steve Martin.

Commissioners absent: None (one seat currently vacant)

County Representation: Kuna Muthusamy and Alfredo Reynoso-Haro with Resource Management Agency (RMA), and Denise Akins with the County Administrative Office (CAO.)and Julieta Martinez, Board Representative.

Visitors: Carol & Peter Clum, Shane Smith with Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District (KDWCD), and Paul Boyer with Self-Help Enterprises.

Item 1, Meeting called to order at 8:06 AM

Item 2, Approval of June 22, 2012 Minutes, approval was moved by Dan Vink, seconded by Dale West, approved by unanimous vote.

Item 3, Public comment period, Paul Boyer provided a reminder for resubmitting all projects to the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Groups (IRWMP) to be included on their project list.

Item 4. Staff report on Flood Control District matters.

A. Recruitment is underway to fill the Flood Control Engineer position.

B. Flood Control District budget and expenditures.

- 1) Staff clarified the Flood Control Commission (FCC) provides direction and maintains oversight of Flood Control District activities and reports to the Board of Supervisors (BOS); and, such oversight includes review of revenues, expenditures and projects, ultimate approval for the Flood Control District's budget is under the purview of RMA and is ultimately approved by the Board of Supervisors through the County's budget process.
- 2) Expenditures and revenue for RMA's budget were discussed to assess the funding available for projects. The objective is to maximize allocations to projects in the context of the costs (expenses) for RMA's flood control operation, revenues from tax sources, and the Success Dam reserve account.
- 3) IRWMP groups are paid fees by the County for membership. Direction to staff was given to explore opportunities for cost sharing for flood control projects and to have the projects included on IRWMP's list of projects.

C. Staff has been in contact with Supervisor Worthley regarding a candidate for the open seat. However, no candidate has been identified.

D. Review of proposed flood control projects, evaluations and mitigations.

1) A preliminary analysis of 14 proposed flood control projects was presented by staff. The projects were ranked based on a scoring criteria including cost/benefit, time to obtain permits, right of way acquisition, geographical location, community interest and safety, and land use. Of the projects the Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF) project and the Seville-Sontag Ditch project were selected for BOS authorization to proceed with concept design and feasibility study.

2) Regarding the JDF project, staff was directed to explore mitigation measures for possible increased storm water discharge to Cottonwood Creek downstream of the proposed project.

3) Staff clarified the process for proceeding with proposed projects: RMA submits a project and CAO office reviews the Board Agendas as part of the normal agenda process.

E. FCC will contact the Water Commission regarding any interest in scheduling a joint meeting.

Item 6 – Other Business: No new business.

Item 7, Next Flood Control Commission meeting was set for Friday, October 26, 2012, 8:00 a.m. in the main conference room at RMA's office.

Item 8. Meeting was adjourned at 10:02 AM.